foreign companies to have 50 per cent or more equity stake in the joint ventures with public sector enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details of the policy guidelines being adopted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The foreign companies are allowed Joint Venture with the public sector enterprises broadly in accordance with the policy guidelines spelt out in para 39 (b) and (c) of Industrial Policy statement of July 1991, which has already been laid on the Table of the House.

Payment of rent for use of land on Pune Station

726. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government was paying any rent or any other payment to any person from Pune, for the use of land on which Pune Station is built;

(b) if so, when this payment was stopped; and

(c) the reasons for stopping the payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) No, Sir. This land belongs to Railways.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National Teacher Awards

727 SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selection of Teachers/Principals for National Teacher Awards;

(b) the number of such Awards given to the Principals and Teachers separately during each of the last three years, particularly to the Teachers/Principals working in Delhi;

(c) whether the list for this award for the year 1995 has been finalised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to give this award to working teachers instead of the Principals of Public Schools/Government aided/Government Schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) to (c) Under the Scheme of National Award to Teachers, Class-room teachers with at least 15 years regular teaching experience and Headmasters/Principals with 20 years regular teaching experience and who are actually working as Teachers/Headmasters/Principals in recognised primary/middle/high/higher secondary etc. schools are eligible to be considered for awards.

Each State has been allocated to fixed quota of Awards. While there is a separate quota of Awards, in each State, for the Primary School Teachers as well as for the Secondary School Teachers, no separate allocation has been made for Principals vis-a-vis Teachers working in Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools. The total number of Awards allocated to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is four, two in each category.

The number of Awards given to Principals/Teachers from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years in each category is as under:—

	1992		1993		1994	
	Prim.	Sec.	Prim.	Sec.	Prim.	Sec.
Teachers	—	1	—	—	1	—
Headmasters/ Principals	2	1	2	2	1	2

The list of awardee teachers for the year 1995 has not been finalised so far. The names of selected teachers will be announced well in time before the conferment of awards which takes place on 5th September (Teachers' Day).

There is no proposal at present to modify the criteria of selection of Teachers/Principals under the Scheme.

Washing allowance to Central Government Employees

728. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government policy with regard to issuing of uniforms to employees and payment of washing allowance is not benefiting the employees in good measure;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether the payment of allowance to class-IV and uniform to staff at vulnerable places is not sufficient to meet both the ends; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Washing allowance is meant only to subsidize maintenance of uniform by the employees and not reimbursement of actuals incurred.

Transactions of reliance group

729. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the probe into the transactions of Reliance Group of Industries with the Financial and other Institutions;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof and when was the Inquiry Report submitted and by whom; and

(c) what action has been taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have intimated that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had ordered on 30.11.1995 inspection of Reliance Consultancy Services Ltd. (RCS), Registrar and Share Transfer Agent for Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) for examining the books, records and other documents in connection with issue of duplicate share certificates of RIL. Similarly, SEBI had ordered on 30.11.1995 an inspection of books of accounts, records, documents and computer data of Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL) and City Bank NA in connection with the "switching" of shares of RIL held by the Custodians. The Department of Company Affairs assisted SEBI in these inspections.

SEBI has submitted Interim Reports on the above mentioned inspections to the MInistry of Finance on 12.1.1996. As regards the Interim Report on issue of duplicate share certificates by RIL, Finance Ministry has answered Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 536 for 1.3.1996. A copy of the reply is enclosed as a statement (*See* below).

Interim Report on switching of shares, *inter-alia*, revealed the follow:-

(i) It is seen from the submissions of custodians that 67.30 lakh shares of RIL were switched. In respect of the above shares, it was noted that when the shares were lodged for transfer by the Custodians on behalf of their clients with RCS, the shares received back after transfer from RCS were different, with different distinctive numbers (DNRs) and/or transferors' names. However, from the submission of RCS, the total number of switched shares stood at 70.30 lakhs.

(ii) Unit Trust of India purchased a lot of 24 lakh shares of RIL through M/s